

Introduction to semantics and language acquisition

Day-to-day overview and reading material

1. Introduction to Language Acquisition

Valian, V. (2009). Innateness and learnability. *Handbook of child language*, 15-34.

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2. Introduction to L2 acquisition

VanPatten, B., & Williams, J. (2015). Early theories in SLA. *Theories in second language acquisition: An introduction*.

Ellis, N., & Wulff, S. (2015). Usage-based approaches to SLA. *Theories in second language acquisition: An introduction*.

White, L. (2015). Linguistic theory, universal grammar, and second language acquisition. *Theories in second language acquisition: An introduction*.

3. Introduction to semantics

Recommended reading: De Swart, H. (1998). *Introduction to natural language semantics*. Stanford, CA: CSLI.

4. Case-studies in L1 semantics

Bale, A. C., Brooks, N., & Barner, D. (2010, August). Quantity implicature and access to scalar alternatives in language acquisition. In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (Vol. 20, pp. 525-543).

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Hunter, T., & Conroy, A. (2009). Children's restrictions on the meanings of novel determiners: An investigation of conservativity. *BUCLD 33 proceedings*, 245-255.

Noveck, I. A. (2001). When children are more logical than adults: Experimental investigations of scalar implicature. *Cognition*, 78(2), 165-188.

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Butler, Y. G. (2002). Second Language Learners' theories on the use of English articles: An Analysis of the Metalinguistic Knowledge Used by Japanese Students in Acquiring the English Article System. *Studies in second language acquisition*, 24(3), 451-480.

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